Westminster Abbey

OFFICE

FOR

THE ROYAL MAUNDY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

25th March, 1948

12 NOON
THE PROCESSION OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER'S, WESTMINSTER

The Beadle of the Abbey, bearing the Mace.
The Cross of Westminster.
Members of the Brotherhood of St. Edward the Confessor.
The King's Scholars.
The Children of H.M.'s Chapel Royal.
The Choristers of Westminster Abbey.
The Gentlemen of H.M.'s Chapel Royal.
The Lay Vicars of Westminster Abbey.
Verger.
The Precentor and Minor Canons of Westminster.
The Canons' Verger.
The Canons of Westminster.
The Dean's Verger.
The Very Rev. The Dean of Westminster.
H.M. THE QUEEN.
H.M. THE KING.
H.R.H. The Princess Margaret.
H.M.'s Suite.
The High Steward and the High Bailiff of Westminster.
The Chapter Clerk.
The King's Almsmen.

THE PROCESSION OF THE ROYAL ALMONERY

Mace-Bearer.
The Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant.
The Sergeant-Major of the Yeoman of the Guard.
The Yeomen carrying the Dishes containing the Alms.
The Yeomen in Attendance.
The Children of the Royal Almonry.
The Assistant Secretary of the Royal Almonry.
The Secretary of the Royal Almonry.
The Wandsmen.

Clergymen in Academical Robes representing the Recipients of the Royal Alms.
The Serjeant of the Vestry of H.M.'s Chapel Royal.
The Sub-Almoner.
(The Rev. W. H. Elliott, Precentor of H.M.'s Chapels Royal.)
The Sub-Sacrist.
The Lord High Almoner.
(The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield.)
The King's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard.

The procession will form in the Nave of the Abbey, and will pass from the Nave into the Choir. The Dean, the Lord High Almoner, and the Sub-Almoner, the Canons and the Minor Canons, will proceed to the Sacrarium. The Precentor will read the Prayers, and the Minor Canon Apperar the Lessons.

The Alms will be placed on Tables at the foot of the steps leading to the Sacrarium.
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During the Procession the following hymn shall be sung:—

"Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" (A. and M. 298)

PRAISE, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him
Gathered in from every race;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

NEW Commandment have I given unto you, that ye love one another
as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—St. John xiii, 34.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said, all kneeling,

Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass
against us, And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without
end. Amen.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. The Lord’s Name be praised.
PSALM XCI.

Qui habitat.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the | most | High:
shall abide under the shadow | of the | Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my | hope and | my | stronghold:
my | God in | Him | will I | trust.

3 For He shall deliver thee from the | snare | of the | hunter:
and | from the | noisome | pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe | under | His | feathers:
His faithfulness and truth shall | be thy | shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any | terror | by | night:
 nor for the | arrow | that | lieth | by | day;

6 For the pestilence that | walketh | in | darkness:
 nor for the sickness that de- | stroyeth | in the | noon | day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at | thy right | hand:
 but it shall | not come | nigh | thee.

8 Yea with thine eyes shalt | thou be | hold:
 and see the re- | ward of | the un- | godly.

9 For thou Lord | art my | hope:
thou hast set Thine house of de- | fence | very | high.

10 There shall no evil happen | unto | thee:
 neither shall any | plague come | nigh thy | dwelling.

11 For He shall give his angels charge | over | thee
to | keep thee | in | all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee | in their | hands:
 that thou hurt not thy | foot a- | gainst a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the | lion | and | adder:
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou | tread | under | thy | feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:
   I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me and I will hear him:
   yea I am with him in trouble, I will deliver him and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him:
   and shew him my salvation.

   Full { Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
   and to the Holy Ghost;
   As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
   world without end. Amen.

   Versicle. The Lord be with you.

   Response. And with thy spirit.

   Let us pray.

ORD JESUS CHRIST, who at Thy last Supper, didst wash the feet of Thy Apostles, teaching us by Thy example the grace of humility: Cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from all stain of sin, that we may be worthy partakers of Thy holy mysteries, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Anthem.

Lord, for Thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore. Hilton (formerly attributed to Farrant).

   Versicle. Blessed are the merciful.

   Response. For they shall obtain mercy.

   Let us pray.

O GOD who dwellest above all heavens, yet hast respect unto the offerings of the children of men; who also hast taught us by Thy Blessed Son that works of mercy done unto our brethren find acceptance in Thy sight: Bless, we beseech Thee, with Thy favour our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and grant that these Thy gifts bestowed by him for the relief of others may be profitable for their need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson.

St. John xiii, 1-16.
FIRST DISTRIBUTION.

PURSES.

The Green—£1 15s. allowance in lieu of clothing to each Woman.
The White—£2 5s. allowance in lieu of clothing to each Man.

During this Distribution the people shall stand and the following Anthem will be sung:

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.—Ps. li, 2, 3. S. S. Wesley.

The Second Lesson.

St. Matthew xxv. 31 to the end.

SECOND DISTRIBUTION.

PURSES.

The Red—Containing each £1, representing part of the Maundy; and £1 10s., an allowance in lieu of Provisions, formerly given in kind.
The White—Containing as many pence as the King is years of age, and given in Silver Pennies, Twopences, Threepences, and Fourpences, being the balance of the Maundy.

During this Distribution the people shall stand and the following Anthem will be sung:

Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, anointed Solomon King. And all the people rejoiced and said, God save the King. Long live the King. May the King live for ever. Hallelujah. Amen.—1 Kings i, 39, 40. Handel.

Versicle. O Lord, save the King.
Response. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
Let us pray.

We thank Thee, O Lord, and praise Thy Name, that Thou hast not only bestowed greatness and majesty upon our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE but hast given him a heart also to show mercy to the poor and needy. Accept this tribute which he pays to Thee, the Giver of all good things: and make him fruitful in these and all other good works, that his throne may be established in mercy; and stir up the hearts of all those who have now been partakers of his bounty, to be truly thankful for it, and to pray for him that after a long and prosperous reign in this world, he may have a Heavenly Kingdom in the World to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Then shall be said the General Thanksgiving for God's mercies by the Priest and people, all devoutly kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy services, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMN (A. and M. 166)

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell. Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good, His Mercy is for ever sure, His Truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel-host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

THE BLESSING BY THE DEAN OF WESTMINSTER.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.